

REMARKS

In the above-mentioned Office Action, all of the pending claims, claims 1-9, 13, 15, and 18-21 were rejected. Claims 13, 15, and 18-21 were rejected over the combination of Rader and Beamish. And, claims 1-9 were rejected under § 103(a) over the combination of Rader, Beamish, and Reinhart. Additionally, claims 1-9, 13, 15, and 18-21 were rejected under §112 for recitations in claims 1 and 13 that lack clarity.

Responsive to the rejections of the claims, independent claims 1 and 13 have been amended, as set forth herein, in manners believed better to distinguish the invention of the present application over the cited combinations of references used thereagainst.

More particularly, with respect to independent claim 1, the step of determining that a power-conservation mode is appropriate defines the power-conservation mode to be a mode in which a selected number of the pixels are not energized. The step of automatically entering is also amended to define the power-conservation mode to be in which the selected number of the pixels are not energized. The recitation of the LCD driver of apparatus claim 13 has been analogously amended.

While the examiner relies upon Beamish for showing a power management system for a mobile unit wherein the base station detects the quality of the signals transmitted by the mobile unit, there is no disclosure in Beamish of determination, as recited in claim 1, that a power-conservation mode, in which a selected mode of the pixels are not energized, is made, or a corresponding element, as recited in claim 13.

And, while Reinhart was cited for showing a flat panel display that enters a reduced power mode, there is no disclosure of an LCD driver that determines if a power-conservation mode has been automatically selected in which a selected number of pixels are not energized, all is now recited.

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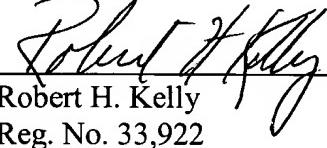
Accordingly, no combination of Rader, Beamish, and Reinhart can be made to from the invention, recited as now-amended in independent claims 1 and 13. As the remaining ones of the dependent claims include all of the limitations of their respective parent claims, these claims are believed to be patentably distinguishable over these cited combinations used thereagainst for the same reasons as those given with respect to their respective parent claims.

Additional amendments to claims 1 and 13 are believed to overcome the §112, second paragraph, rejections thereof by amending the claims now to recite detection of a device transmission signal transmitted by the portable electronic device.

In light of the foregoing, therefore, independent claims 1 and 13, as now-amended, and the remaining ones of the dependent claims dependent thereon, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reexamination and reconsideration for allowance of these claims is respectfully requested. Such early action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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